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The reply filed on November 6, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Firstly, the amendment to claim 34 has not been entered, because there was no claim 34 prior to the amendment; if claim 34 is a new claim, then such should be clearly stated. Secondly, applicants' response to the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-10, 13, and 18 set forth within paragraph 6 of the Office action of July 1, 2002 is confusing. It is not seen that applicants' amendment, "weight/weight", has clarified the basis for each weight percent value. In other words, it is unclear if the respective weight percents are based on the weight of the prepolymer, the curative, on one of the constituents, such as component a) or b), or on some other entity. Lastly, during entry of the amendment by the Office, the clean versions of claims 10 and 14 were damaged to an extent that they are no longer comprehensible; this damage is regretted, and it is requested that applicants' supply a clean copy of these claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Additionally, the following issues have been noted and will be addressed within the next Office action, if not addressed by applicants in response to this letter. Firstly, within claims 10 and 13, the preamble of the claims stating that the curative is liquid lacks antecedence from claim 1. Secondly, it is unclear what criteria must be met in order for the curative to be "suitable"; it is unclear if or to what extent this language carries patentable weight.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (703) 308-2982.

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